

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Application for Mediators

Please complete the entire application, using additional paper if necessary. You may also attach a resume.

Name: Karl A. Folkens

Firm or Office Name: Folkens Law Firm

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Florence, SC 29502

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**ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Date admitted to the Bar of the District of South Carolina: 6/17/81 I.D. No.: 854

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 5/14/81 Bar No.: 2066

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): 4th Circuit Court  
of Appeals 3/5/82

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: Florence County Bar

President: 1995, Council Member of SC Bar ADR Section, Regional Coordinator -  
Pee Dee Mediation Network, Board of Directors - SCCMADR

Are you a member in good standing in each jurisdiction where admitted to practice law? ☒ yes ☐ no

Are you currently the subject of any pending disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction? ☐ yes ☒ no

Have you, within the last 5 years, been denied admission to a bar for character or ethical reasons or disciplined for professional misconduct? ☐ yes ☒ no

**EDUCATION**

Year law degree received 1980 Law School University of South Carolina

Other professional degrees received (including year and school): \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE (A minimum of 5 years of law practice required)**

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bringing Arbitration and Mediation to Florence County by coordinating settlement  
weeks.

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 90 % or defense 10 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 5 % State 95 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 15

### EXPERTISE

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<u>      </u> Fraud or Civil RICO	<u>      </u> Civil Rights in Employment
<u>  1  </u> Insurance	<u>  2  </u> Other Civil Rights ADA
<u>      </u> Miller Act	<u>      </u> Copyrights
<u>  1  </u> Personal Injury	<u>      </u> Patent
<u>  2  </u> Product Liability	<u>      </u> Trademark
<u>      </u> Other (specify) _____	

Publications: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): Coordinated settlement  
weeks for Florence County Court of Common Pleas; state certified arbitrator,  
mediator, and family law mediator

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator: United States Department of  
Agriculture - farm program

Number of mediations conducted: 100+

### MEDIATION TRAINING

<u>Course</u> <u>Provider</u>	<u>Course</u> <u>Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Hours</u>
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**OTHER INFORMATION**

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing mediation conferences in the District of South Carolina? X yes        no

Other relevant experience or skills or other information you would like considered in connection with this application:

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Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

X Columbia      X Charleston             Greenville      X Florence

Other \_\_\_\_\_

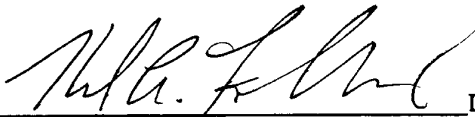
Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 150.00      Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 200.00

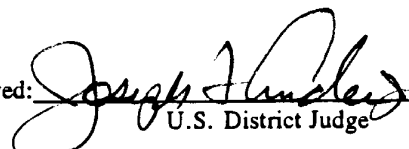
How do you bill for travel? (explain): Same as hourly rate, plus mileage at IRS rate

I agree to: (1) Be subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 407, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; to the Rules on Disciplinary Procedure, Rule 413, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; and the Local Rules of the District Court; (2) Provide mediation to indigents without pay if ordered by the Court; (3) Notify the Clerk of Court of any change in the above facts or otherwise in my ability to perform duties as a mediator; (4) Disclosure of information contained in this application to litigants and other members of the public.

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature  Date 1/13/97  
Applicant

Return completed application to:  
U.S. District Court  
Mediation  
1845 Assembly Street  
Columbia, SC 29201-2431

Approved:  Date January 31, 1997  
U.S. District Judge

# SUPPLEMENT

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